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A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed where applicable. Applicants call the Examiner's attention to the following non-English language patent documents: SU 1225547, disclosed in the IDS filed June 5, 2001 but mis-identified as an English language document; SU 1443873, disclosed in the Supplement IDS filed January 7,

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2002. Applicants hereby submit the abstract translation of these two non-English language patent documents.

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Applicants call the Examiner's attention to office actions which may have issued in the following co-pending, co-owned patent applications of which subject matters are related to that of the instant application:

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